Legislation for terrorism

2201. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the Chief Minister's conference held in February, 2003. the Prime Minister made suggestion for setting up a Central law enforcing agency to deal with terrorism and organised crimes against federal laws;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reaction of the Chief Ministers thereto; and

(d) whether the Government would come forward with a Central legislation in the matter and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Prime Minister in the Chief Minister's Conference held on 8.2.2003, suggested that the issue relating to setting up of a Central Law Enforcement agency bound by mutually agreed operational norms and principles without restricting the domain of State police forces be debated as the proposed agency would help in fulfillment of our constitutional obligation to provide better security to our citizens.

(c) and (d) There were no consensus among the states on the proposal due to the perception of some of the states that this could impinge upon their spheres of responsibility with regard to maintenance of public order. While setting up such an agency, the Central Government would ensure that it does not interfere with the role and responsibility of the State Police and is bound by well-defined operational principles and procedures.

Citizenship to Chakmas and Hajongs

2202. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present status to the 4000 citizens applications to Chakmas and Hajongs of Arunachal Pradesh, submitted in 1997;

(b) when a decision on these applications would be taken;

(c) whether there is any time frame to dispose of such applications; and